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13 May 2019

Honorable Martha McSally
United States Senate
Washington, DC

Dear Senator McSally,

Sheriffs of Western States Sheriffs Association are in complete support of full funding and expansion of the SCAAP funding reauthorization. Western States Sheriffs Association membership of over 900 Sheriffs in 17 Western United States.

The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program is a commonsense measure for reimbursing Sheriffs throughout the United States for incarcerating illegal aliens who commit state crimes in our jurisdictions.

On Average Sheriffs absorb these costs yearly due to the lack of support and full funding of the SCAAP program, resulting in Sheriffs receiving roughly 6 cents on the dollar in reimbursement for housing and no funding to reimburse Sheriffs for any ancillary medical costs associated with their incarceration.

As the crisis of illegal immigration intensifies and more and more illegal aliens are released to the interior states, the burden of incarceration cost without some relief such as SCAAP, is critical for our smaller communities with limited or no support services.

We fully support Senator Martha McSally for introducing this legislation and thank her for hearing our concerns and for also introducing expansion SCAAP to cover the ancillary un anticipated medical costs we burden each and every year.

Thank You for your considerations

Sincerely,

Sheriff Jim Pond, Retired
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